

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez (CA-47) today issued the following statement regarding President Obama's announcement that he will request additional support from Congress to enhance border protection efforts and is prepared to send up to 1,200 National Guard troops to the border. The President also emphasized the need to pass comprehensive immigration reform during a meeting with Senate Republicans this afternoon.

"I am glad the President demonstrated his commitment again today on the critical need to implement comprehensive immigration reform.

"Though I believe assisting our law enforcement officers such as the border patrol is crucial to defending our borders, I believe the deployment of 1,200 National Guard troops to the Southern border must be clearly defined as a supportive role so that our border patrol can exclusively focus their time and attention on the task at hand.

"It is imperative that the President and Congress continue to press for comprehensive immigration reform to ensure that we address all aspects of the immigration problem."